gard to the names of Bengali voters being struck off the electoral rolls?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI ASOKE KUMAR SEN) (a) to (c) the Election Commission had received representations from Bengali Associations in Assam alleging large scale deletion of names of Bengalis from electoral rolls. It is the assessment of the Commission that the rolls were prepared in accordance with the undertaking given to the Supreme Court and having regard to the statutory requirements governing preparation of electoral rolls and that no attempt was made to exclude any class or group of persons systematically. Keeping in view the spirit of the settlement reached between the Government and the leaders of Assam movement, the Commission took additional steps. It extended the period for filing claims by eligible persons and objections against ineligible persons by 30 days upto 27-9-1985 in respect of all the 126 constituencies. It appointed Central Observers to observe and supervise the preparation of rolls. In particular, these Observers were required to watch the manner of disposal of claims and objections to ensure that they were disposed off in accordance with the law and the Commission's instructions. The rolls for all the constituencies were finally published on the 7th November, 1985.

Telephone calls within the limits of bi-monthly free calls

*11. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the approximate number of percentage of telephone subscribers in Delhi who make calls within the limits of free calls allowed on bi-monthly basis ;

(b) whether it is a fact that in cases referred to in part (a) above calls shown in the telephone bills are equal to the free calls allowed even though consumption is less ;

(c) if so, the manner in which telephone meters are adjusted in such cases ;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the method of adjustment of meters leaves scope for unscrupulous employees in the telephone exchanges to make calls equivalent to unused number of calls by subscribers ; and

(e) whether Government propose to allow the carrying forward of unused free calls to the next one or two billing cycles to subscribers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) The approximate percentage of telephone subscribers in Delhi who make calls within the limit of free calls ranges between 20 and 22.

(b) No, Sir. The actual number of calls metered (which is the difference beween the opening and the closing meter readings) is indicated in the telephone bills along with the credit calls and also the total number of free calls admissible to the subscriber.

(c) The telephone meters are not adjusted. The closing meter reading of a particular billing period is brought forward as the opening meter reading for the next billing period.

(d) As there is no adjustment of meters, this does not arise.

(e) No , Sir.